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# BEAUTY AND THE BEAST ORIGIN STORY

*Beauty and the Beast* has been told over and over, and there are many different versions. In 1756, Jeanne-Marie Leprince de Beaumont wrote the most popular retelling. This story is based on that version of the classic tale, proving that kindness never goes out of style.







# CAST OF CHARACTERS

JAKE



BELLE



TANYA



BEAST









**AHH!**

**AHH!**

**DOOF!**





Where am I?

Is this . . . a castle?



Where's my room?

Where's my house?!



Someone's coming!



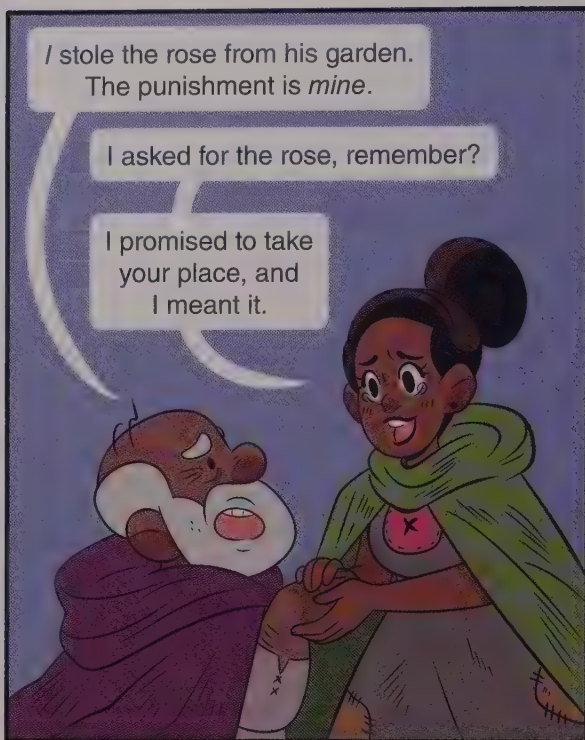
Belle, you can't trade your life for mine!

The beast is terrifying!

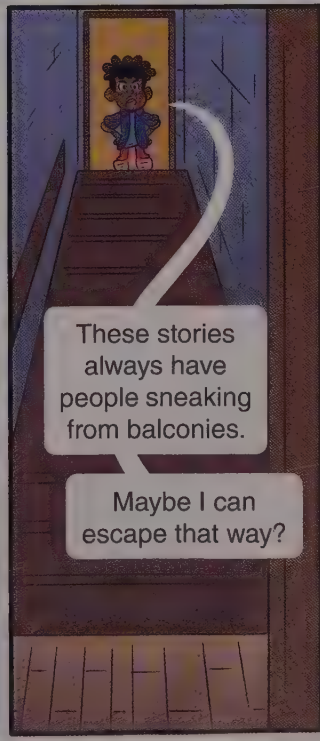
Woah.


Father, I've made my choice. You must look after the rest of the family.





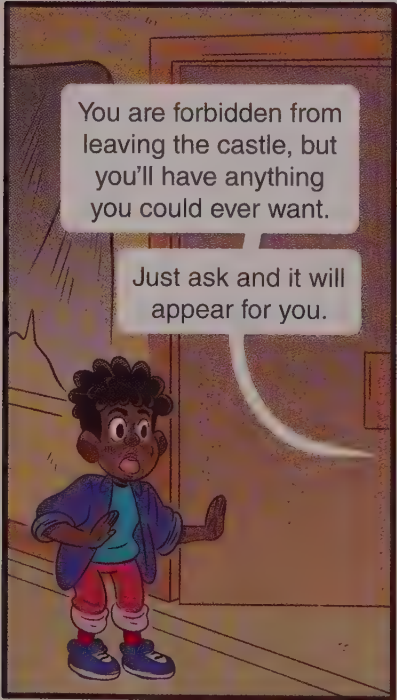







This place is kinda gross.

Maybe the beast should try sweeping in here or something.



You are forbidden from leaving the castle, but you'll have anything you could ever want.

Just ask and it will appear for you.



Do you live here alone?  
There aren't even servants to take care of the castle?

No one would want to live with a beast. The magic in the castle creates everything I need.

Well, that's just sad.



It's fine.

I demand you come to the dining hall when you hear the dinner bell.









SNIFF  
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Oh man!  
That smells  
good!



Ouch!

AH!

**CRASH!**



I didn't  
think  
there was  
anyone  
else here.

My name  
is Belle.

Are you a prisoner  
here as well?

My name's  
Jake, and I'm  
not really sure.

But I can't seem  
to find a way out  
of this place.



It's nice to  
meet you, Jake.  
Would you join  
me for dinner?

Belle, is  
that you?

I think I'll skip  
dinner. The  
beast doesn't  
know I'm here.



Your secret is safe with me.

I'll keep him distracted so  
you can get some food.





A few days later ...

There's nothing to do!

I can't even go outside  
unless someone  
opens the doors.

No TV or internet  
or video games.  
I'm dying here!

I just want to  
go home and  
see my mom.

I even miss my  
annoying sister.

The only time  
I get out of  
this room is  
for dinner, and  
that's the worst!

I'm sick of French  
food. I want a  
burger and fries  
and a shake!

And every night, the beast  
says the same thing.

Belle,  
marry me  
and help  
break my  
curse.

Beast, you've  
become a dear  
friend, but I  
do not want to  
marry you.

I'll just keep asking  
until you say yes.

I wish you  
wouldn't.

Seriously,  
dude. No  
means no.



A full week later . . .

That's it! I need to get out of this room.

I just have to be careful not to run into Beast.

Hmmm . . .

Whoa, this library is huge!

I wonder if there are any comic books in here.

Oh, lots of them!

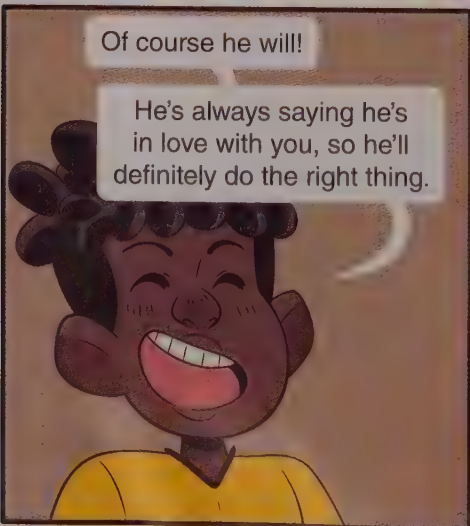
New ones keep appearing too.

Is that a magic mirror?

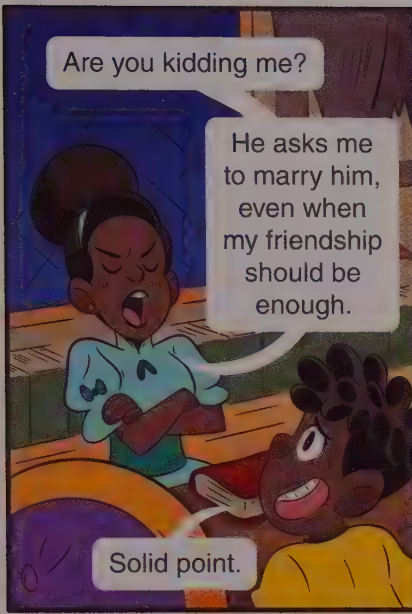
Yes, the beast gave it to me so I could see my family—even from far away.

I miss my family too.


Is that your dad? He doesn't look so good.





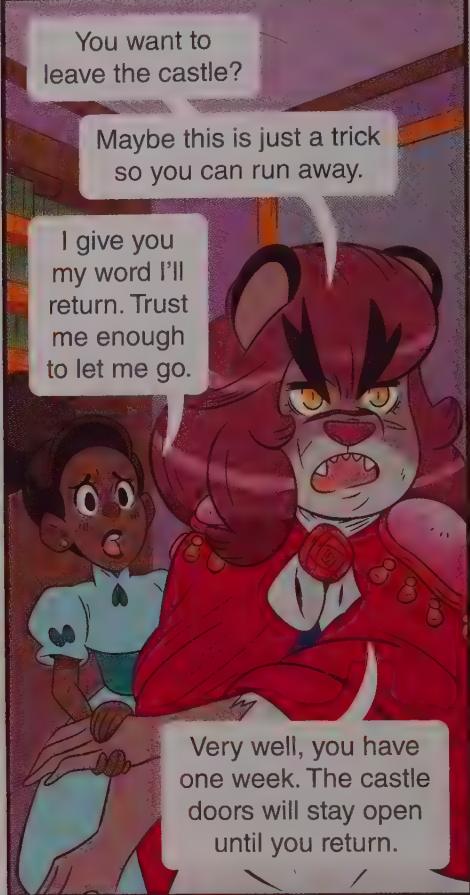






Belle? What is it?

My father is very ill. Would you allow me to go visit him?

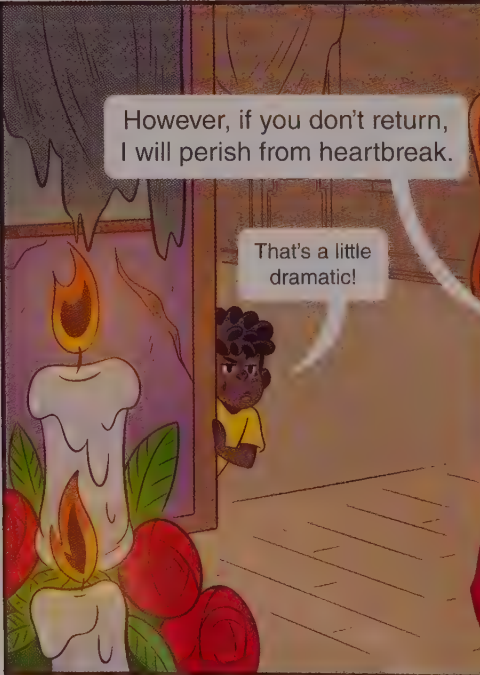


You want to leave the castle?

Maybe this is just a trick so you can run away.


I give you my word I'll return. Trust me enough to let me go.

Very well, you have one week. The castle doors will stay open until you return.



However, if you don't return, I will perish from heartbreak.

That's a little dramatic!



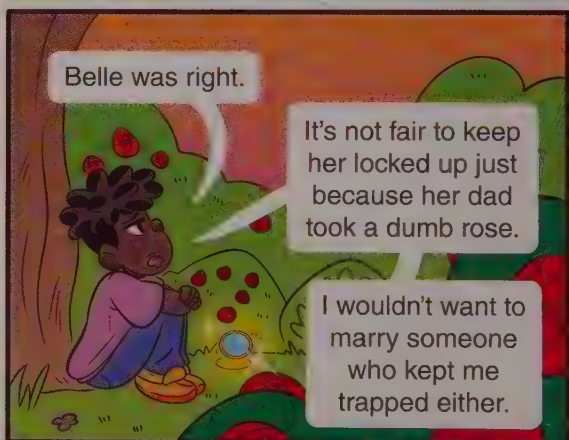
Oh, thank you! I'll be back before you know it!



**CA-CLOP!**

**CA-CLOP!**







Maybe she lost track of time. Nobody here has cell phones or anything.

I wonder if Beast has noticed ...

Belle has forsaken me!

She ran away and cast aside my love!

I guess that answers my question.

Ouch! Why isn't this story about a less thorny flower?

My heart will never recover from this betrayal!  
I'll die of heartbreak!

Oh, brother. What a drama llama.



Hey!

Who are you?

How dare you intrude in my garden!



I'm not an intruder!

I'm, uh, the witch's assistant!



You work for the witch who cursed me into this terrible form?

Yeah!

She, um, sent me to check on you!



Did the witch send you to laugh at my pain?

The curse will never be broken because Belle doesn't love me!



Maybe Belle and the curse aren't the problem here.

What do you mean? The curse made me an ugly beast and only true love can break it.



Is that why you keep asking Belle to marry you?

Yes! If she marries me then I'll know she loves me.

But she's told you she loves you—as a friend.

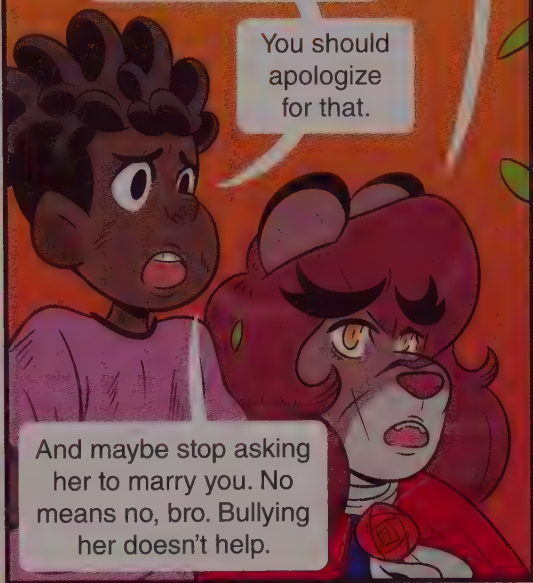


If she loved me, then the curse would be broken.

Is it really true love if you keep her locked up all the time?

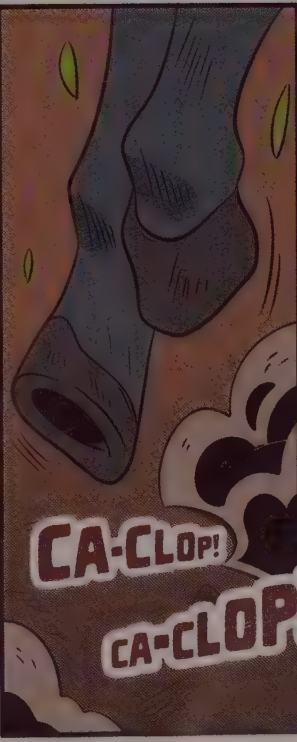
You should apologize for that.

And maybe stop asking her to marry you. No means no, bro. Bullying her doesn't help.




So I should just give Belle her freedom? What if she never comes back?

That's her choice. But you won't ever break your curse by being selfish.







Beast! I'm sorry I was delayed!  
It took longer than I hoped for  
my father to get better. I rushed  
back as soon as I could!

I hope I'm not  
too late for our  
agreement.



You really have.

It was wrong of me to keep  
you trapped in my castle. I was  
wrong to demand your hand in  
marriage too. I'm sorry.

Thank you, Beast.

Dear Belle! I think I  
should be the one  
apologizing. This curse  
makes me look like a  
beast, but I have been  
acting like one as well.

I set you free,  
and I hope for  
your forgiveness.

I forgive you, as long as you promise to be a kind man and not a jealous beast.

I promise.

Would you consider staying here as my friend? You can come and go as you please and have whatever you wish for.

Now that I'll say yes to!

I love you dearly, and I would be honored to call you my friend.

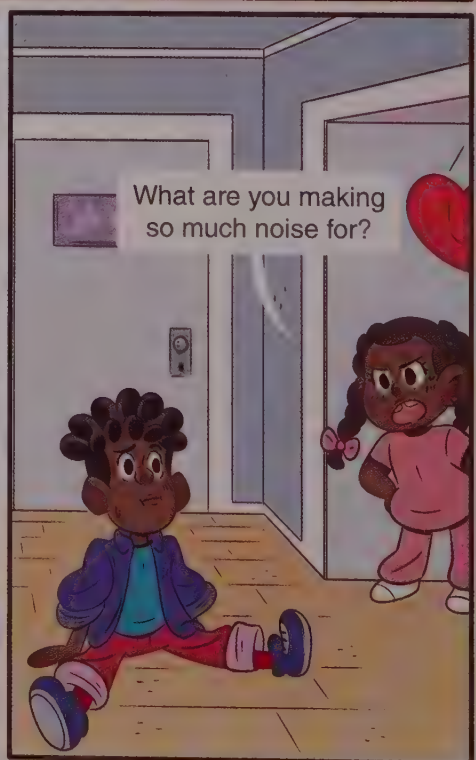
The curse! It has been broken at last!

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Gross! That was way more mushiness than I want to deal with.

Woah!





Tanya! I got yanked into that book! How long was I gone? It felt like *months*.

Jake, you told me to go to bed five minutes ago. And you said you were too old for my books!

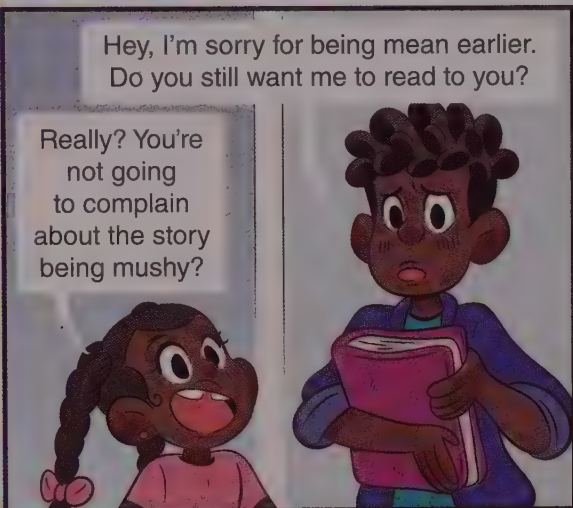


Five minutes? But I was there for so long.



Hey, I'm sorry for being mean earlier. Do you still want me to read to you?


Really? You're not going to complain about the story being mushy?



Nah, I think this one's got a pretty good ending.







## WRITE IT OUT

- ✦ Belle and Beast end up with a wonderful friendship. Write about one of your friends and how you met.
- ✦ Pretend you are Beast. Write a letter to Jake thanking him for his kindness. Be sure to include some new details about your life.
- ✦ Jake learned a few lessons while teaching Beast about kindness. Write at least three things you think Jake learned.



# TALK IT OUT

- ✦ Would you have changed places with a family member like Belle did? Do you think it was a good idea?
- ✦ Was it right for Beast to keep asking Belle to marry him over and over?
- ✦ Do you think Jake taught Beast a good lesson? Why or why not?



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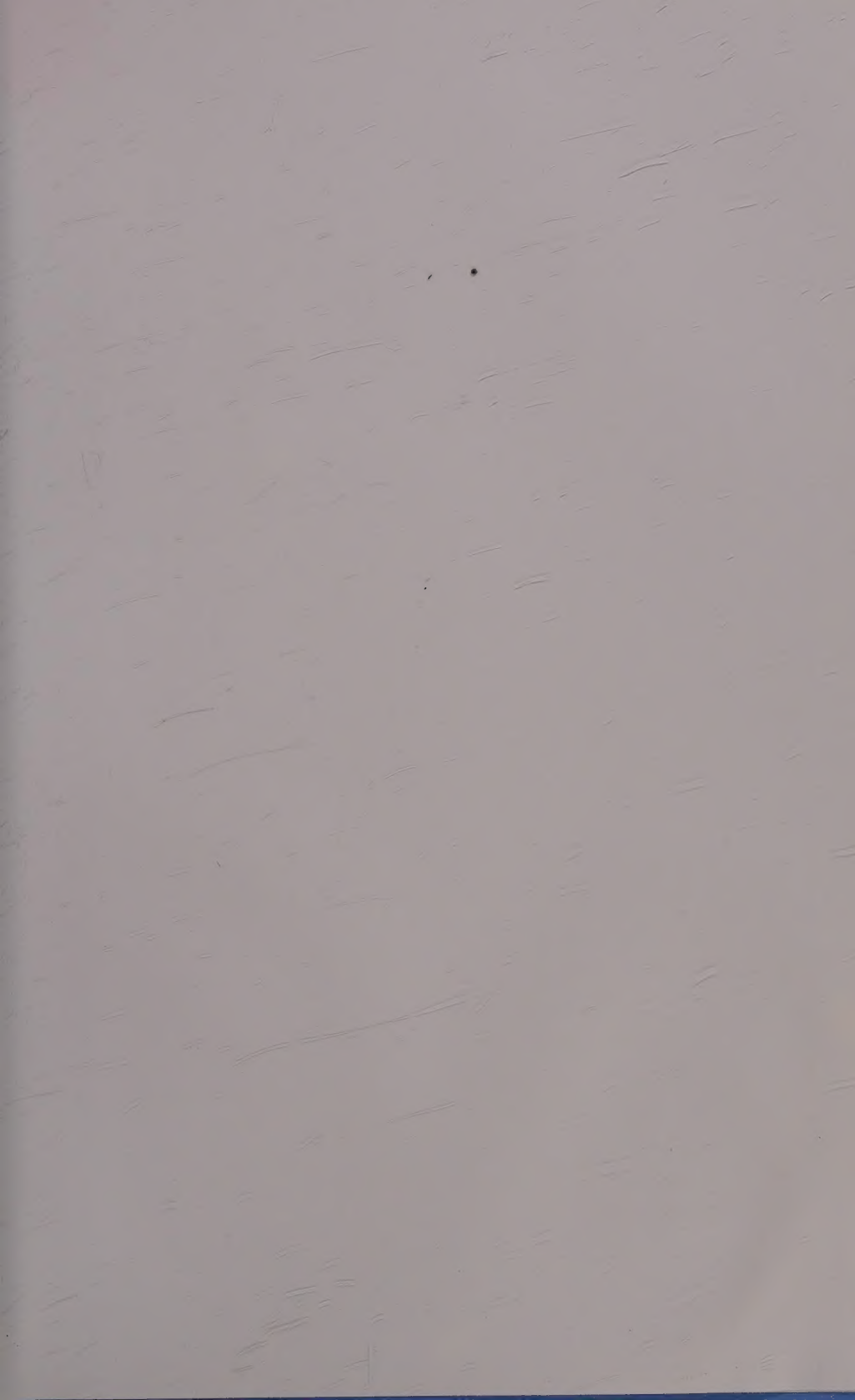
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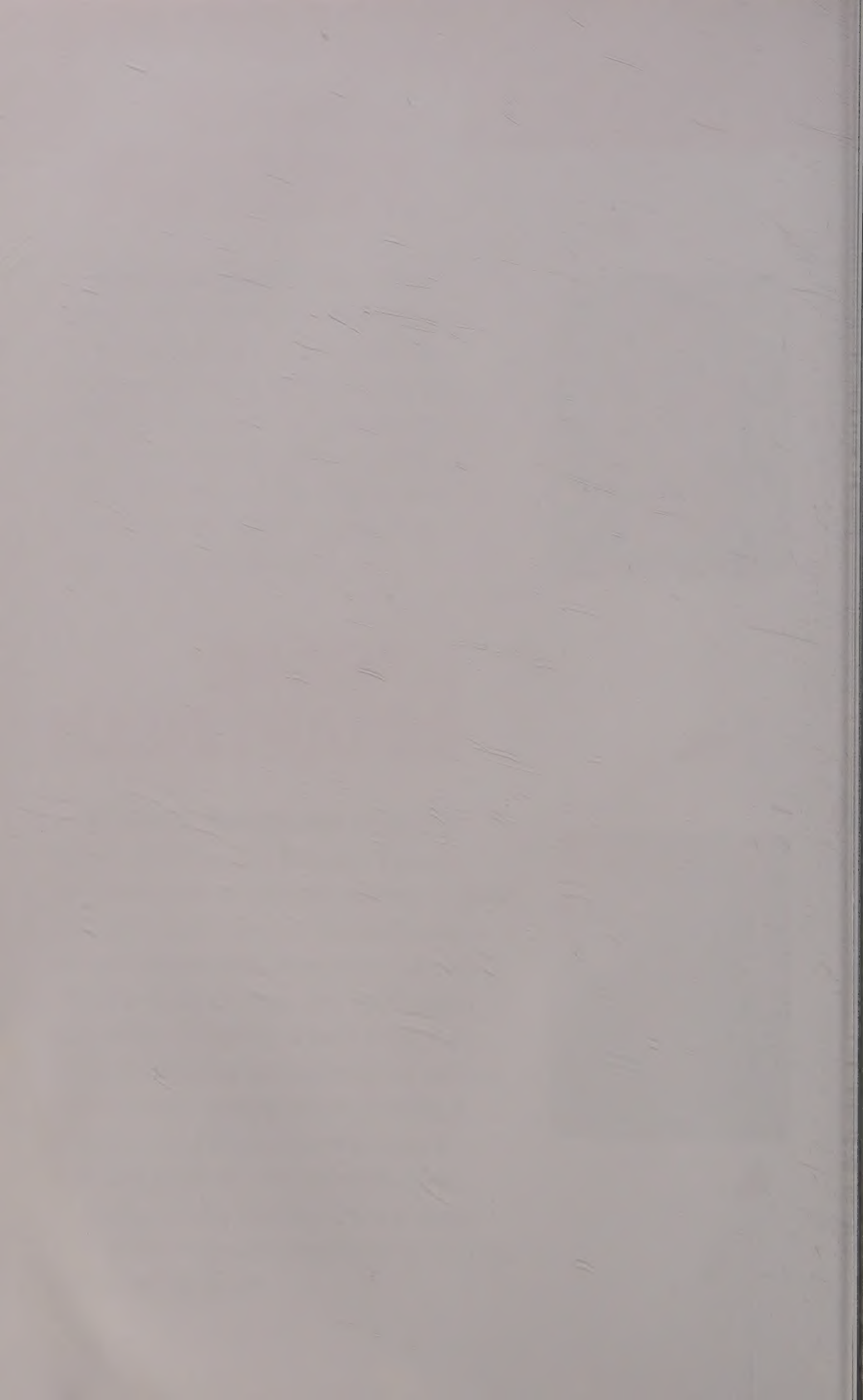
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MORE FAIRY TALES TO READ!



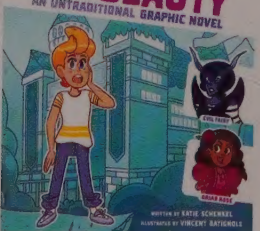
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